

Substitute Bill No. 5189

February Session, 2016

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AN ACT INCREASING THE MAXIMUM FINE FOR LITTERING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 22a-250 of the general statutes is
- 2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (Effective
- 3 October 1, 2016):
- 4 (b) (1) Any person who violates any provision of subsection (a) of
- 5 this section shall be fined not more than one [hundred ninety-nine]
- 6 <u>thousand</u> dollars. One-half of any fine collected pursuant to this
- subsection shall be payable to [the state and one-half of such fine shall
- 8 be payable to] the municipality in which the arrest was made, [unless
- 9 the arrest was made by a conservation officer, special conservation
- 10 officer or patrolman appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and
- 11 Environmental Protection under authority of section 26-5, in which
- 12 case one-half of such fine shall be payable to the Department of Energy
- 13 and Environmental Protection] one-quarter of any fine collected
- 14 pursuant to this subsection shall be payable to the Department of
- 15 Energy and Environmental Protection for the purpose of operating,
- 16 maintaining and improving state parks and one-quarter of any fine
- 17 <u>collected pursuant to this subsection shall be payable to the state.</u>
- 18 (2) Whenever any person is convicted of a violation of subdivision
- 19 (2) of subsection (a) of this section, the court shall, in addition to

- 20 imposing the fine authorized by subdivision (1) of this subsection,
- 21 impose a surcharge in an amount equal to fifty per cent of such fine.
- 22 Any such surcharge collected pursuant to this subdivision shall be
- 23 payable to the municipality in which the arrest was made unless the
- 24 arrest was made by a conservation officer, special conservation officer
- 25 or patrolman appointed by the Commissioner of Energy and
- 26 Environmental Protection under authority of section 26-5, in which
- 27 case such surcharge shall be payable to the Department of Energy and
- 28 Environmental Protection.
- 29 (3) When any such material or substances are thrown, blown, 30 scattered or spilled from a vehicle, the operator thereof shall be 31 deemed prima facie to have committed such offense.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following			
sections:			
Section 1	October 1, 2016	22a-250(b)	

ENV Joint Favorable Subst.